

# LAFAYETTE COUNTY

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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### MEETING

**Monday, September 28, 2015**  
**8:00 A.M. - Highway Office**

Present were Dwayne Larson, Gerald Heimann, John Bartels, Wayne Wilson, HR Director Val Steiner, and Tom Jean.

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order.

The agenda was properly posted at the Lafayette County Courthouse, the Darlington Municipal Building and the Lafayette County Highway Department.

Motion by Wilson, second by Bartels to approve the agenda, motion carried.

Motion by Heimann, second by Wilson to approve the minutes of the meetings dated September 14 & 15, 2015, motion carried.

Motion by Wilson, second by Bartels to approve Vouchers #4353 and 4354; motion carried.

Motion by Wilson, second by Bartels to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing Administrative position and Highway Maintenance positions. Roll call vote taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson, second by Heimann to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote taken with all member voting aye. Motion carried.

After discussion, motion made by Heimann, second by Wilson to post Patrol Superintendent position concurrently at the highway department and in the newspaper for two weeks with a wage range of \$24-26/hour based on qualifications and experience, and pending approval at the Human Resources meeting on October 8. Tom updated the committee on the two new Highway Maintenance/Janitor hires. They will both start on Monday, October 5. Val informed the committee that the reference and background checks on both of them came back very good.

The August Fund Balances were presented and discussed.

The 2016 budget was briefly discussed. The health insurance is going to be changing so the incidental labor rate may need to be adjusted. Lisa is working with Nicola on this.

Projects Update: we are done sealcoating and are now doing paver patches for Towns of Argyle, Wiota and New Diggings. We are to do the parking lot at the CTH K building, but the water line is not up-to-code, so we cannot start until that is resolved. We are putting up a new coral on CTH D with used posts and panels; we have a shouldering project to do on STH 11 from STH 78 north to the Green County line, and also on STH 11 from Shullsburg to the Roost. The soil borings for the tower have been done, but we have not gotten the results back so we cannot start on the project. We got approval for grant money of approximately \$3000 for upgrading the electrical system

for the fuel pumps in the event of an emergency. The Ferndale Bridge in Town of Willow Springs has the deck off and the plan is to replace the girders from 18' wide to 26' wide. When they exposed the abutments they found a crack which we think can be sealed to fix it. Also, the east end of the south abutment has deteriorated re-rod which has to be fixed. All of this adds to the total project cost. There is no dollar cap on this project, but Tom transferred money from the Town of Kendall, Russell Road project and added that money to this project.

Equipment Update: After we finished sealcoating and were taking Iowa Counties' roller back to them, a couple tires on our trailer went flat. Due to the size of the load it caused a shift in the weight and twisted our trailer. We took it to Shullsburg to get it straightened, but we do not have a trailer big enough to handle that much weight. We borrowed a trailer from Tim Loken (and he let us use his truck) for a couple weeks to get by. A new trailer is about \$40,000. Tim will sell his to us for \$18,500. It has air brakes and we can put a hitch on one of our Peterbilt tandems to pull it. Motion by Heimann, second by Wilson to purchase this trailer from Tim Loken for \$18,500. Motion carried. Tom has been looking into getting a brush head to attach to our excavator for doing brush work along banks. Diamond has a new one that they will sell to us for a used price. After discussion motion made by Wilson, second by Bartels to purchase the brush head from Diamond for \$14,000 plus shipping. Motion carried.

The October meetings are scheduled for October 9 and 30, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Heimann, second by Wilson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.